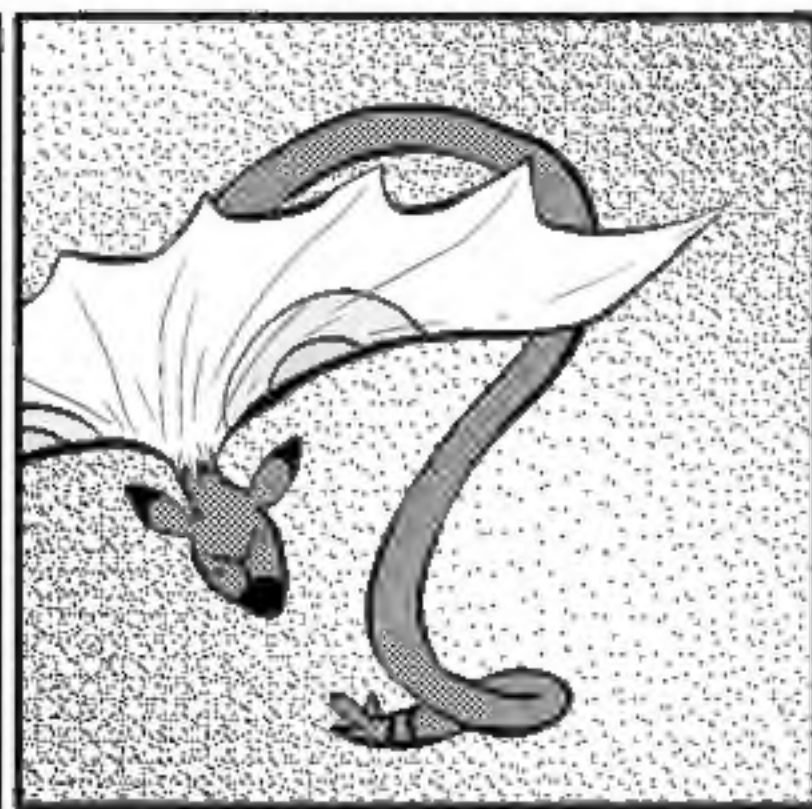
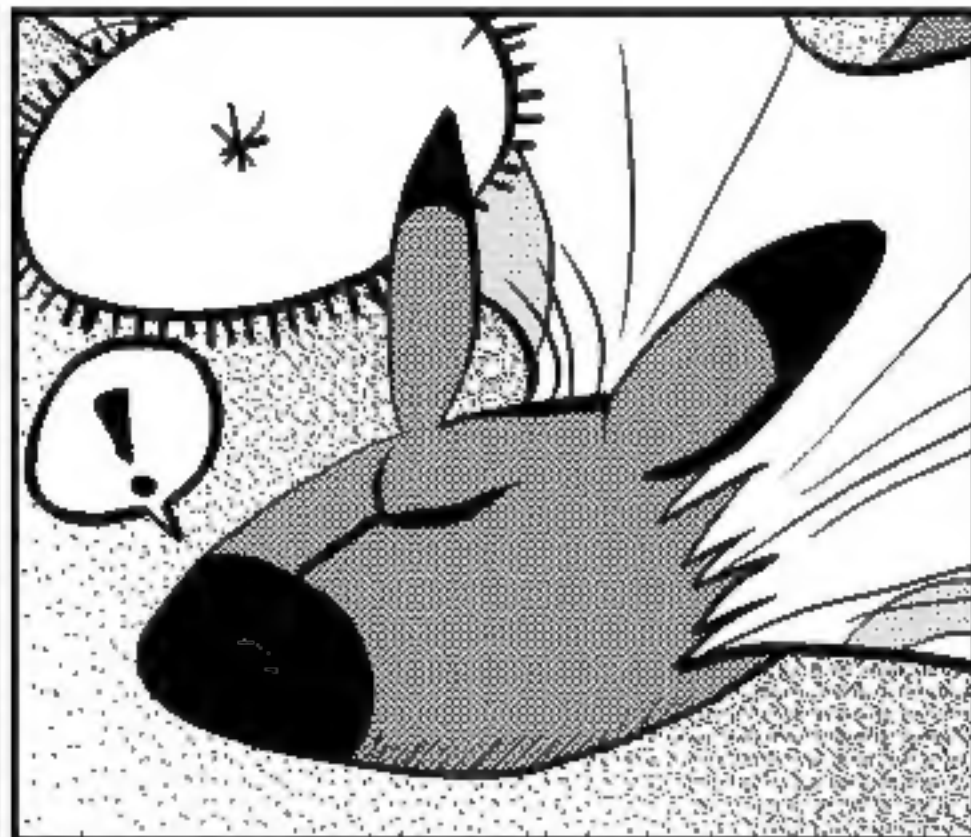
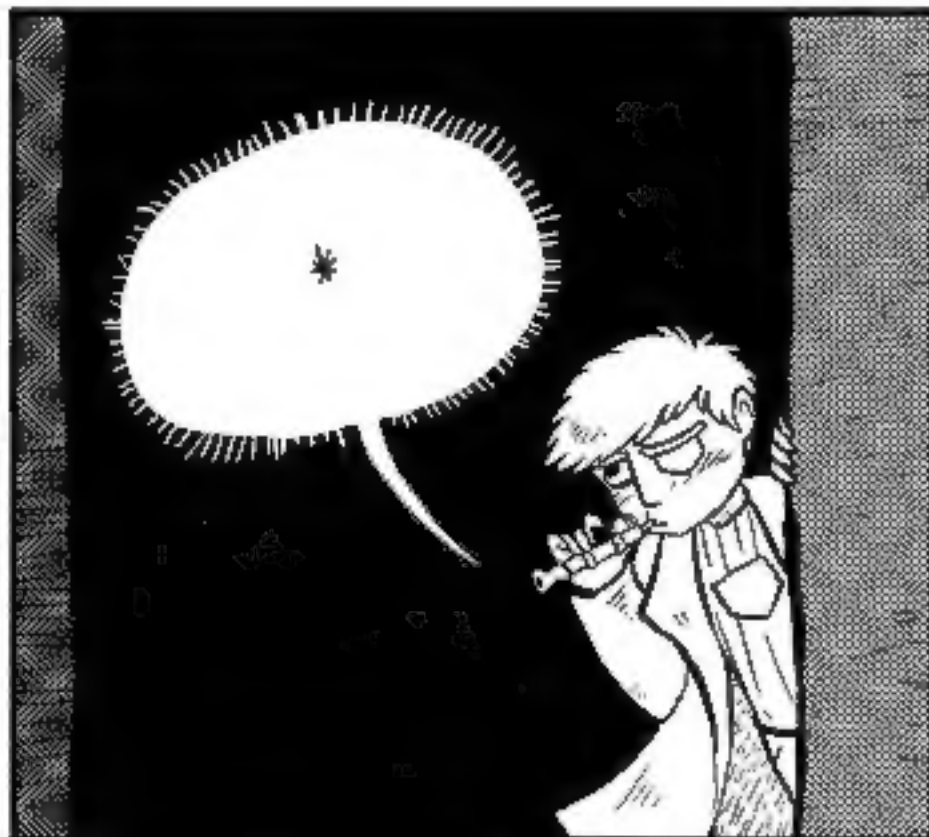


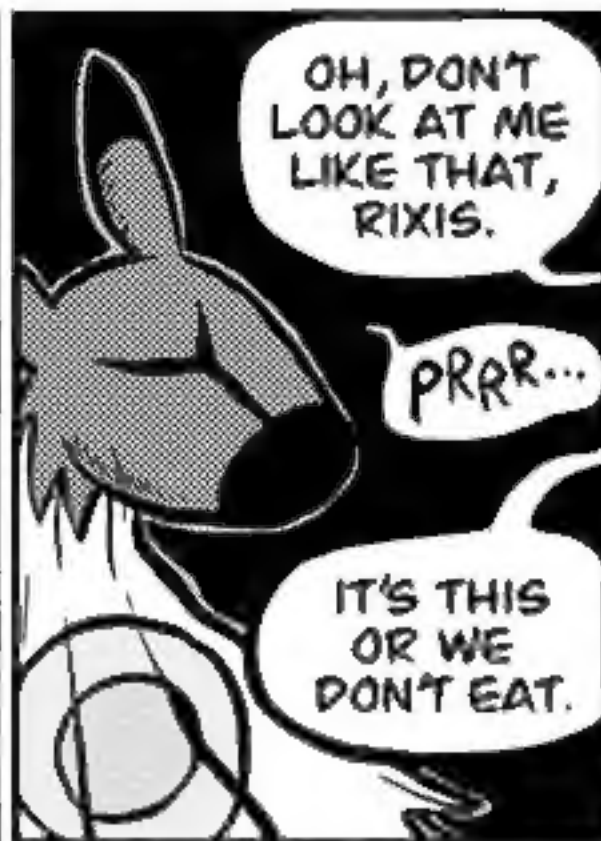


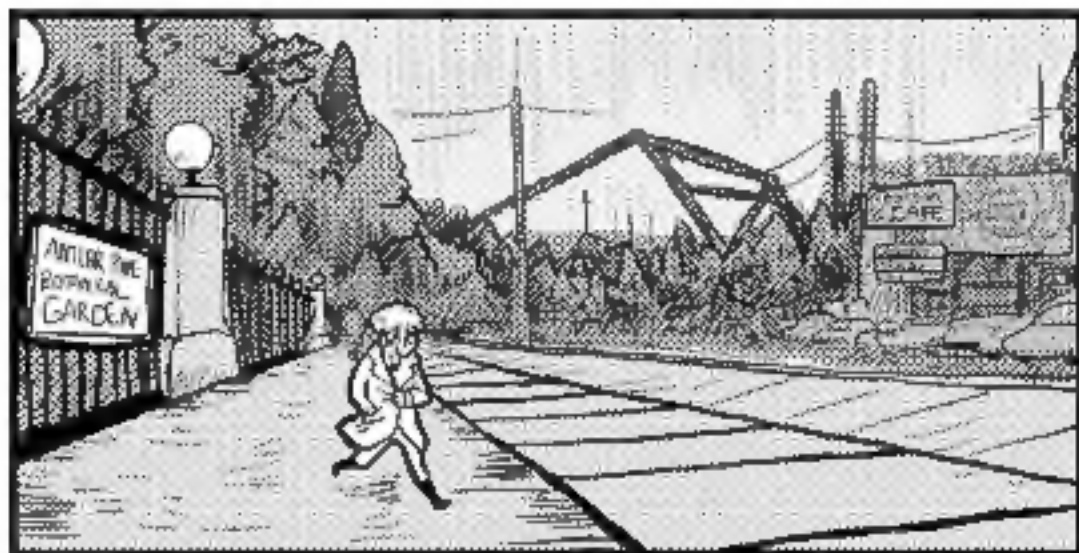
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HOW LONG
IS NED OUT
FOR AGAIN?



UH, THE
REST OF
THIS WEEK,
HE SAID.



WHAT?!

OH MY
GOD. WHAT
A BABY.



YOU SAW THE FIGHT.
I WAS REALLY WORRIED!
HIS POOR ARM GOT
COMPLETELY PUMMELED.

YEAH,
BUT IT'S
JUST HIS
ARM!

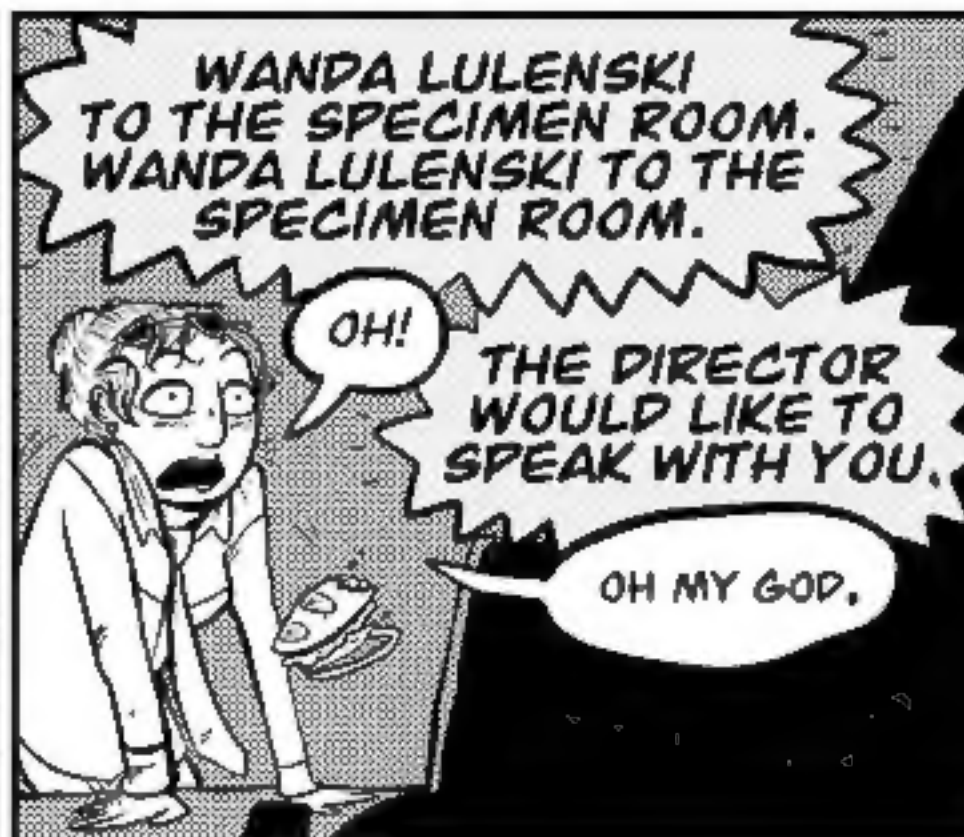
WELL I MEAN, HE
WRITES WITH IT ...



WE SHOULD
GET ON HIS
COMPUTER AND
MESS WITH HIS
STUFF.



ROGER,
C'MON.
DON'T BE
SUCH A
CHILD.

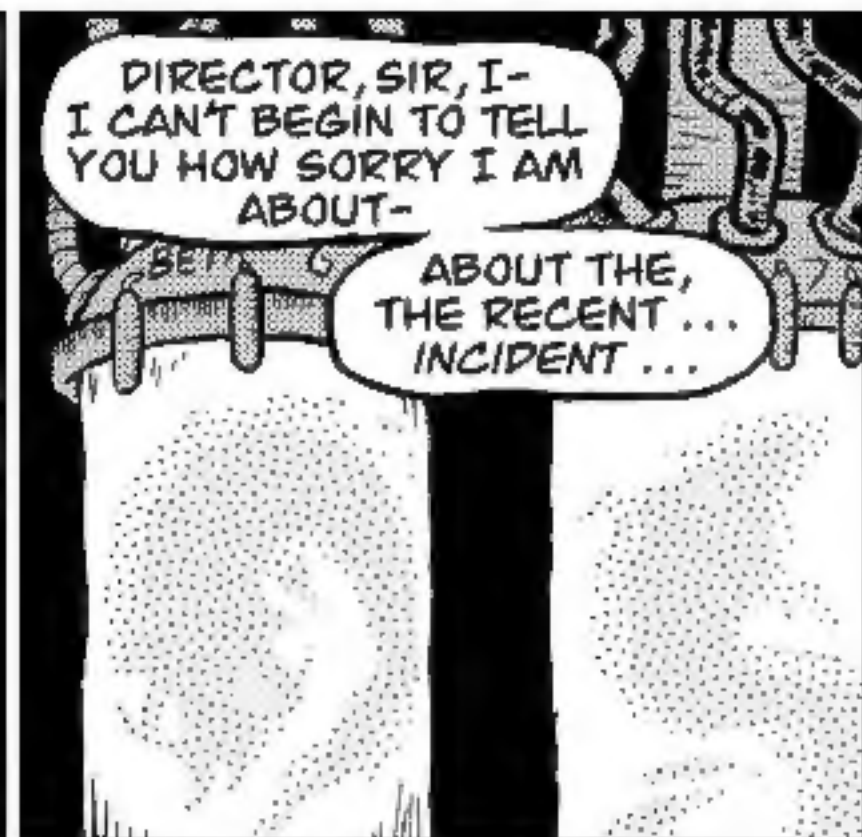


WANDA LULENSKI
TO THE SPECIMEN ROOM.
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SPECIMEN ROOM.

OH!

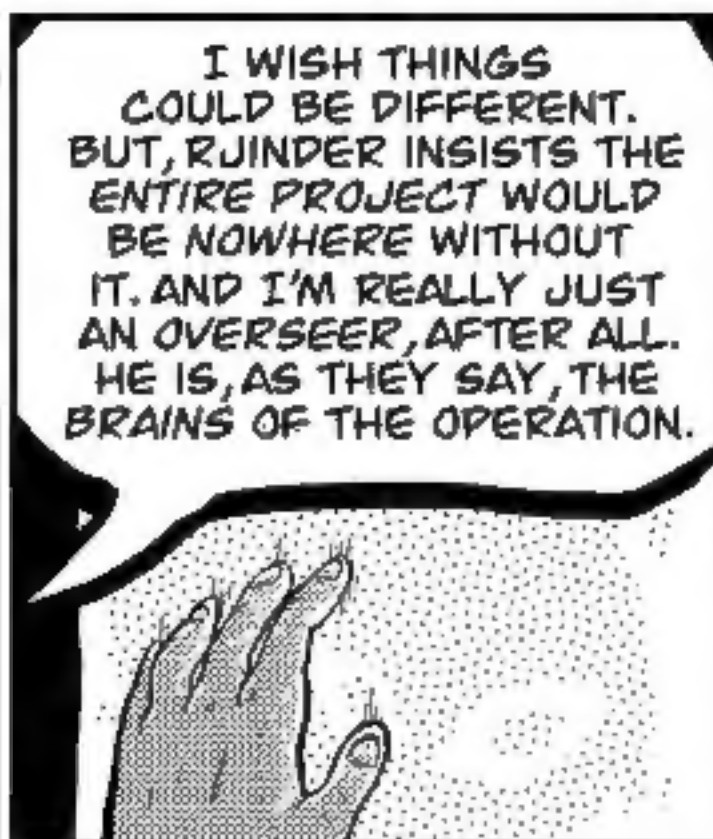
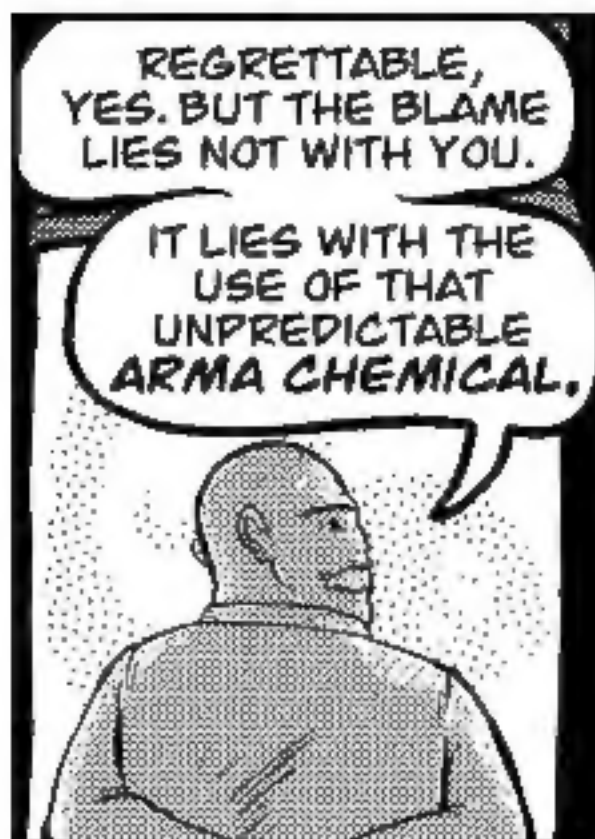
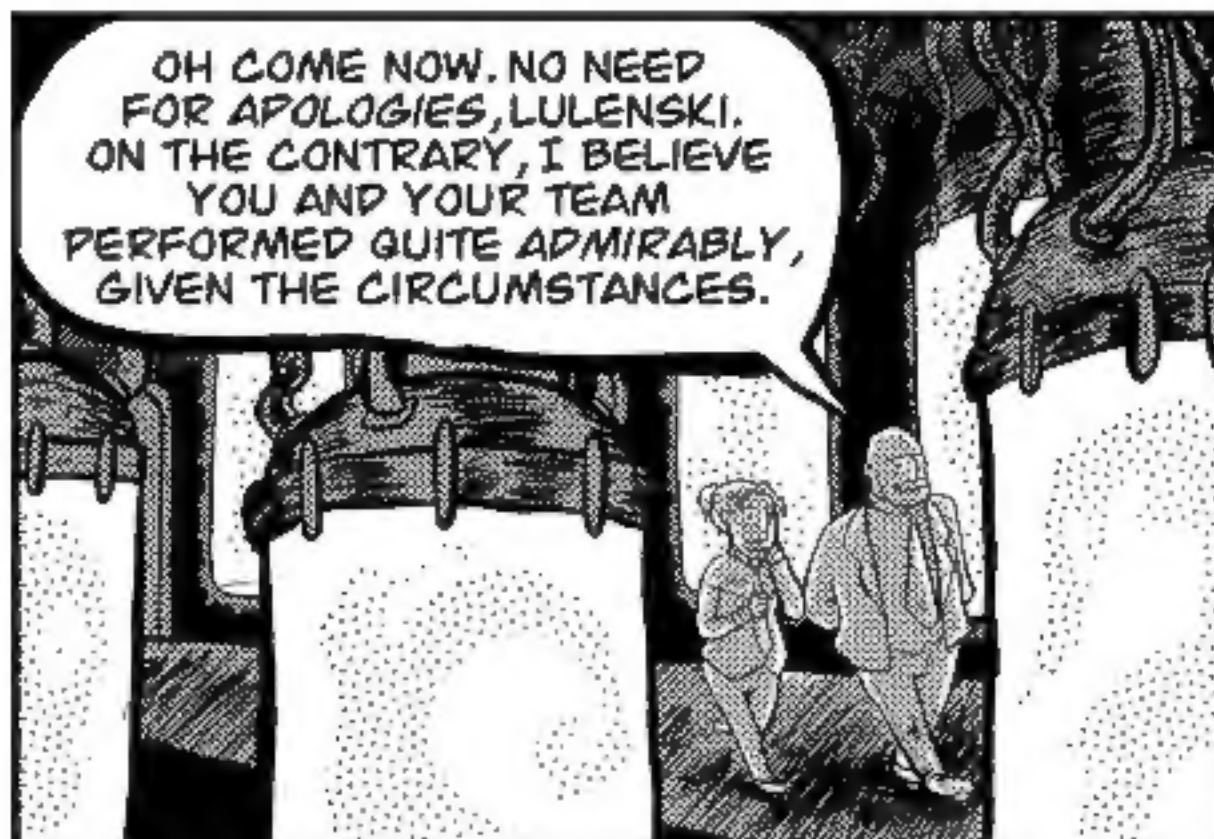
THE DIRECTOR
WOULD LIKE TO
SPEAK WITH YOU.

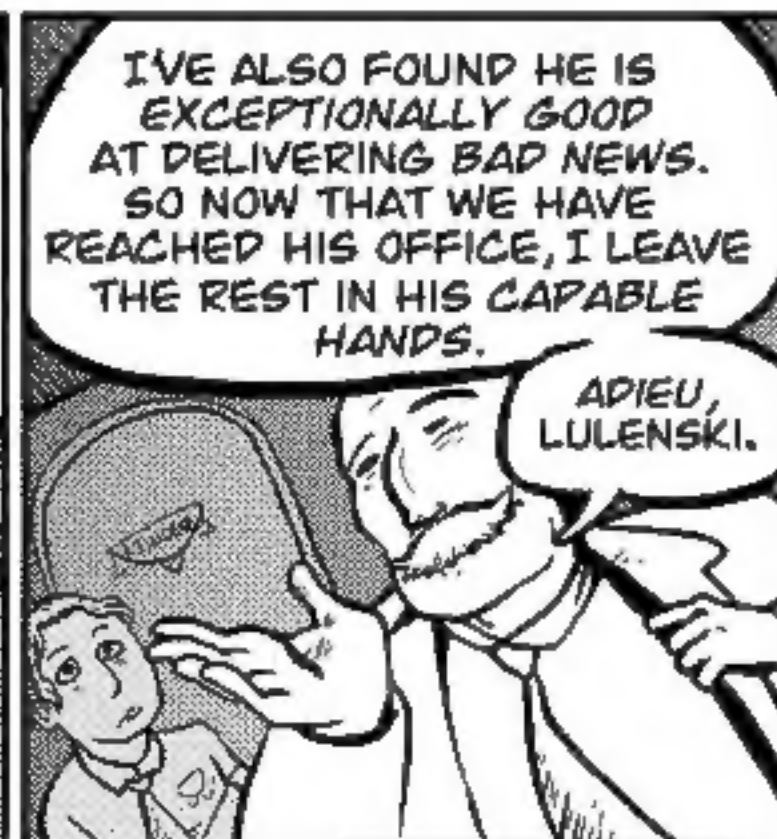
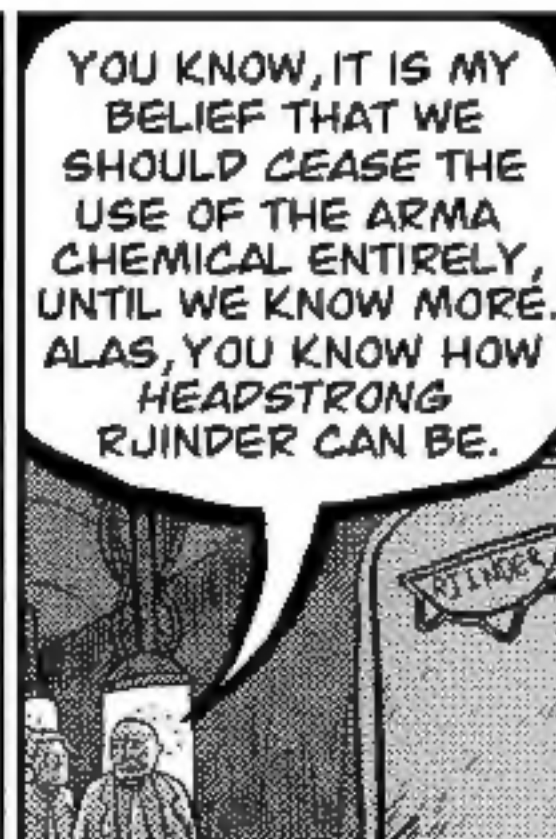
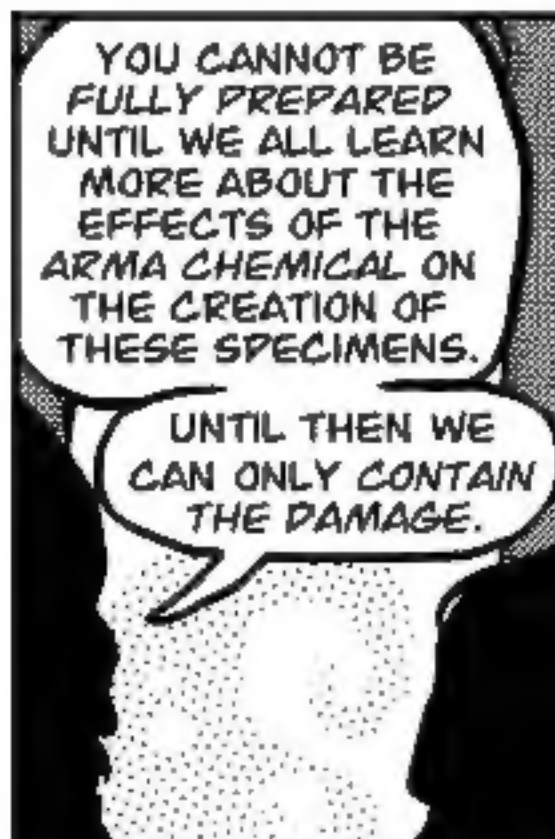
OH MY GOD.



DIRECTOR, SIR, I-
I CAN'T BEGIN TO TELL
YOU HOW SORRY I AM
ABOUT-

ABOUT THE,
THE RECENT ...
INCIDENT ...





YOU SAY WE SHOULDN'T
'MISTAKE THE SPECIMENS
FOR SENTIENT CREATURES'
- YET YOU REFER TO
YOURS AS 'SHE'.

I AM VERY
SENTIMENTAL.

BUT AS ALWAYS,
MISS LULENSKI -

DR. LULENSKI.

-YOU HAVE THE
RIGHT OF IT. NO
MATTER HOW THEY
SEEM, THEY ARE
MERELY WEAPONS.

DANGEROUS WEAPONS.
AND THEY ARE NOW IN
THE HANDS OF CHILDREN.

THERE ARE TOO MANY SPECIMENS
LOOSE AT THIS TIME. IT IS ...
UNACCEPTABLE.

THE BIGGEST PRIORITY
ARE THE FIVE REMAINING
ALPHA SPECIMENS.
YOU ARE NOW ASSIGNED
TO THE TASK OF EITHER
RECAPTURING THEM FOR
THE LAB ...

...OR ELIMINATING
THEM. VIA WHATEVER
MEANS YOU DEEM
NECESSARY.

ELIMINATING?

BUT THAT WOULD
ENDANGER THE HOSTS.
THE DIRECTOR SAID
WE COULDN'T AFFORD TO-

THE DIRECTOR IS
AN UNUSUALLY
OPTIMISTIC MAN.

I, HOWEVER, AM
LESS SO. I BELIEVE
OPTIMISM IS A CRUTCH
MEN USE WHEN THEY
ARE UNABLE TO DEAL
WITH... SHALL WE SAY-



THE REALITY
OF THE SITUATION.



DO YOU UNDERSTAND
YOUR ORDERS, MISS
LULENSKI?

I - YES.

MAY I ASK WHAT
YOU DID BEFORE
SHELL HIRED YOU?



B-BIOLOGY...
I STUDIED ANIMAL BEHAVIOR.
I WENT TO AFRICA.

I SEE. CHARMING,
BRILLIANT, AND
WORLDLY.



WE ARE CONSIDERING
PERFORMING THE
PROCEDURE ON ANOTHER
EMPLOYEE SOON. I BELIEVE
YOU WOULD BE A PERFECT
CANDIDATE.

ME?!



OH NO SIR.
I MEAN, I'D BE
HONORED BUT-
IT'S UNPREDICTABLE,
IT DOESN'T ALWAYS
GO AS SMOOTHLY AS
NED AND HIS ARM-



IT'S JUST-
I DON'T WANT
TO BECOME
A -

A-

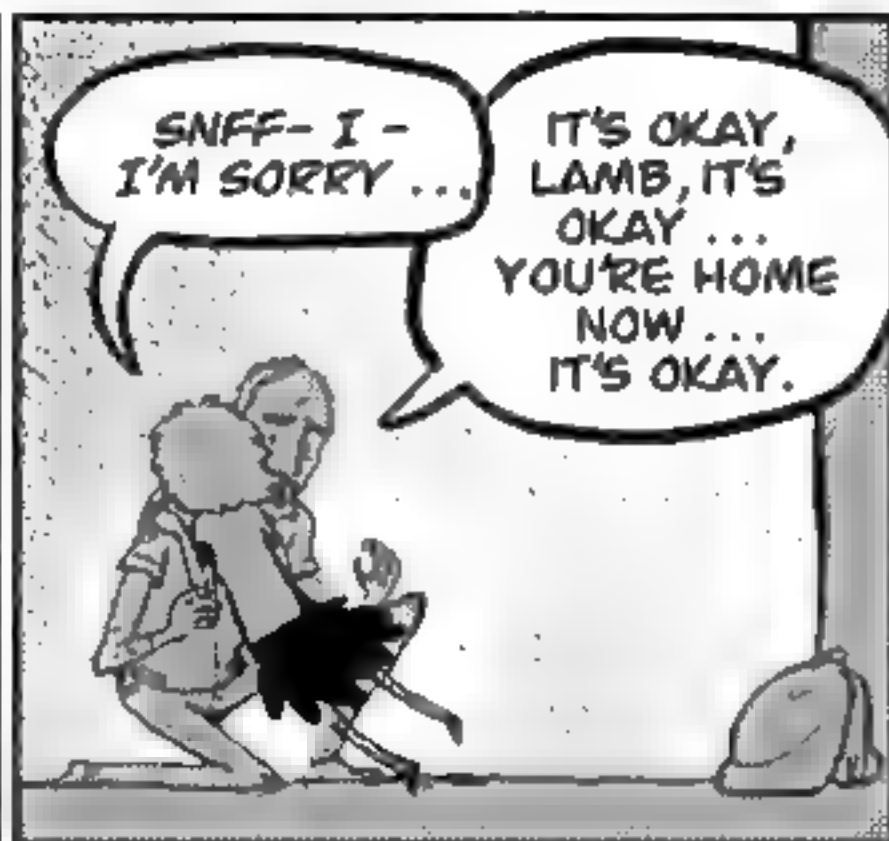
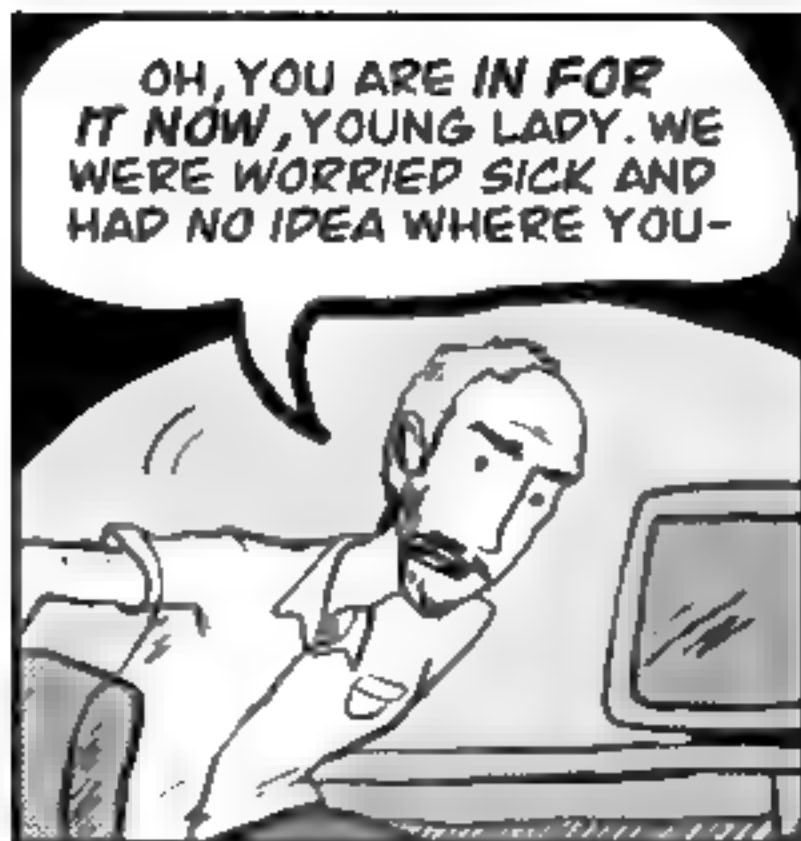


THINK IT OVER.

YOU HAVE
YOUR ORDERS,
MISS LULENSKI.

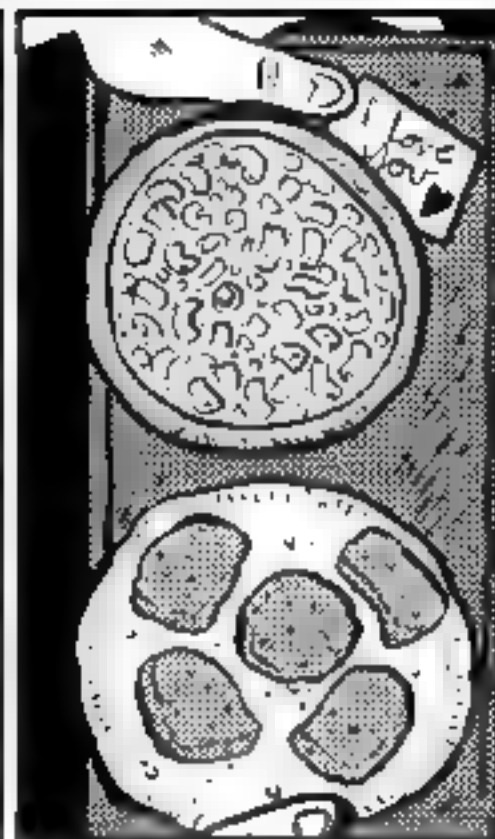
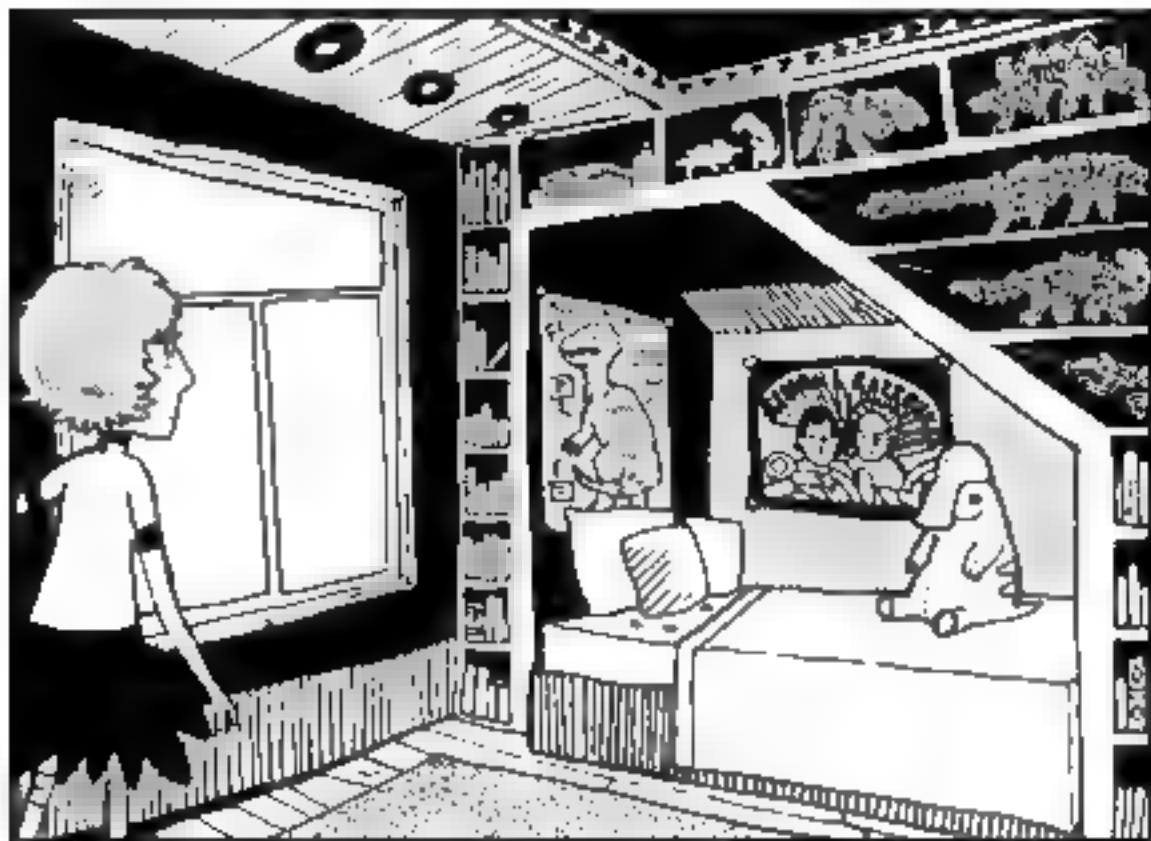
AND TAKE
MY ADVICE-







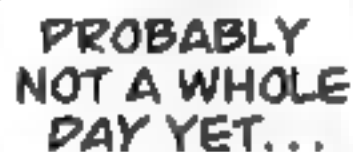
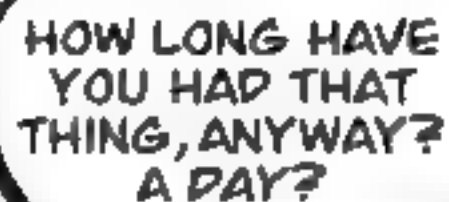
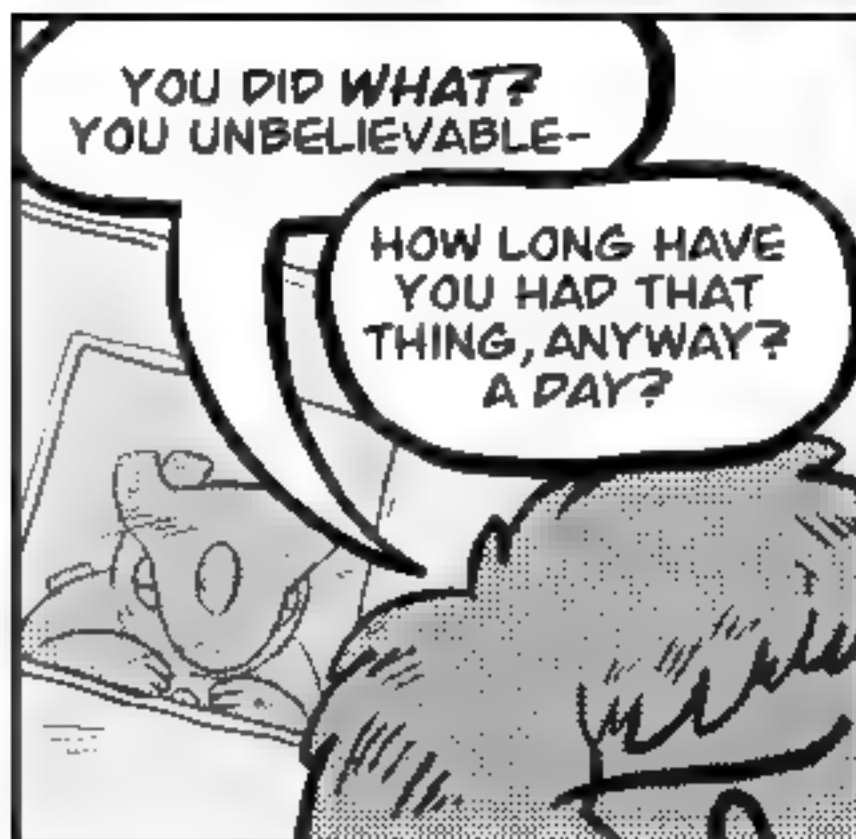
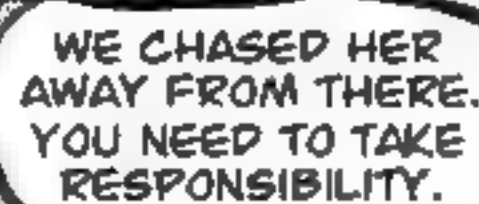
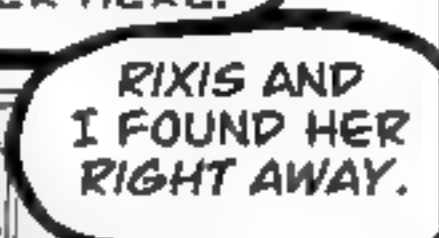








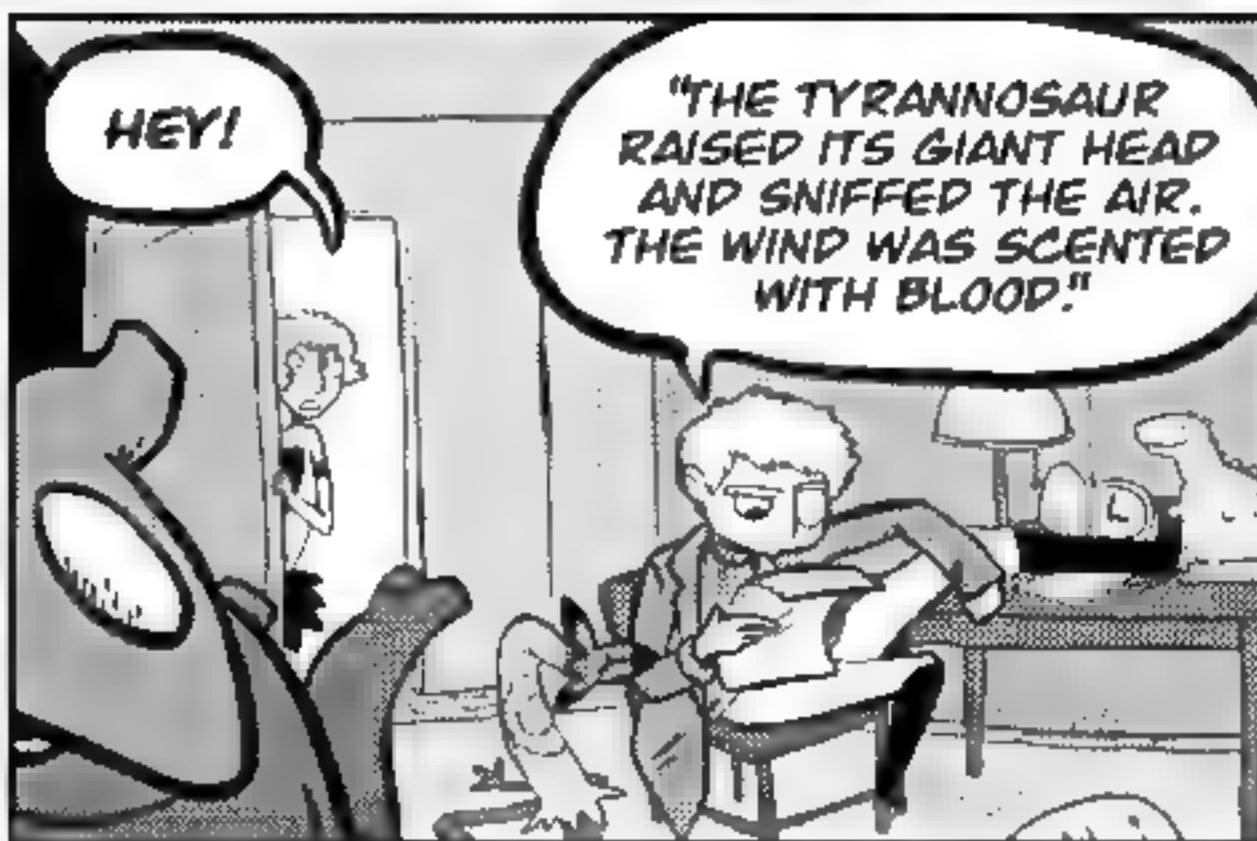


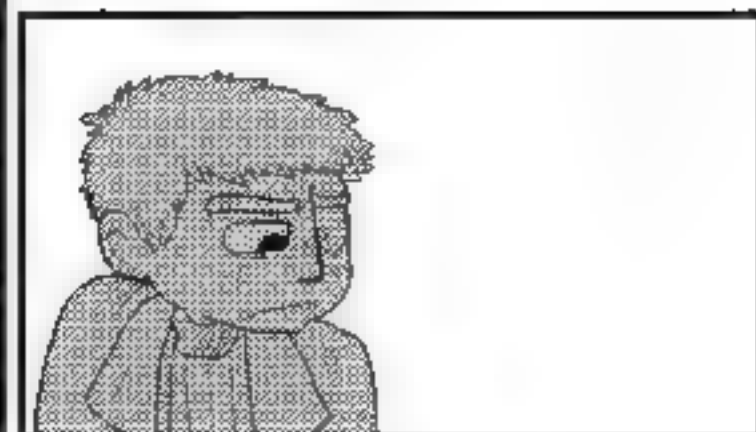
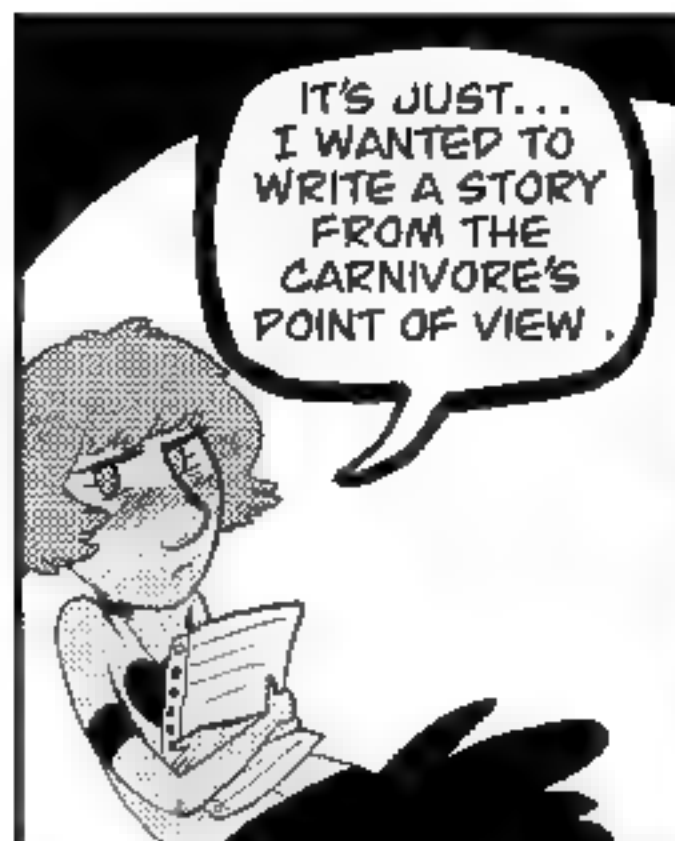














...NO,
OF COURSE
NOT.



THERE'S A WAREHOUSE
BY THE LOCK. IT'S NOT
IN USE RIGHT NOW- SORT
OF ABANDONED.

IT'S A GOOD
PLACE TO
HIDE, IF YOU'RE
CAREFUL.

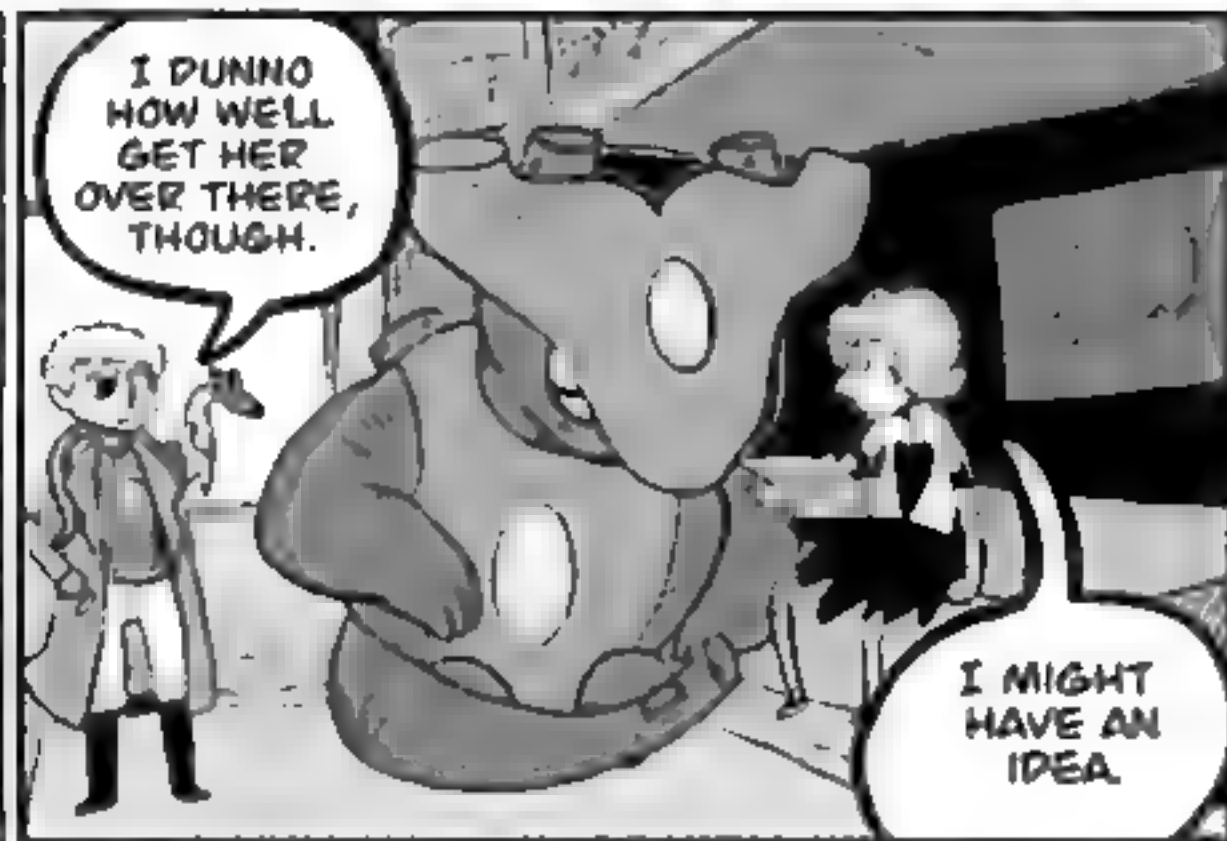


HOW DO YOU
KNOW ABOUT THIS?

IT'S JUST ...
SOMETHING
I KNOW.

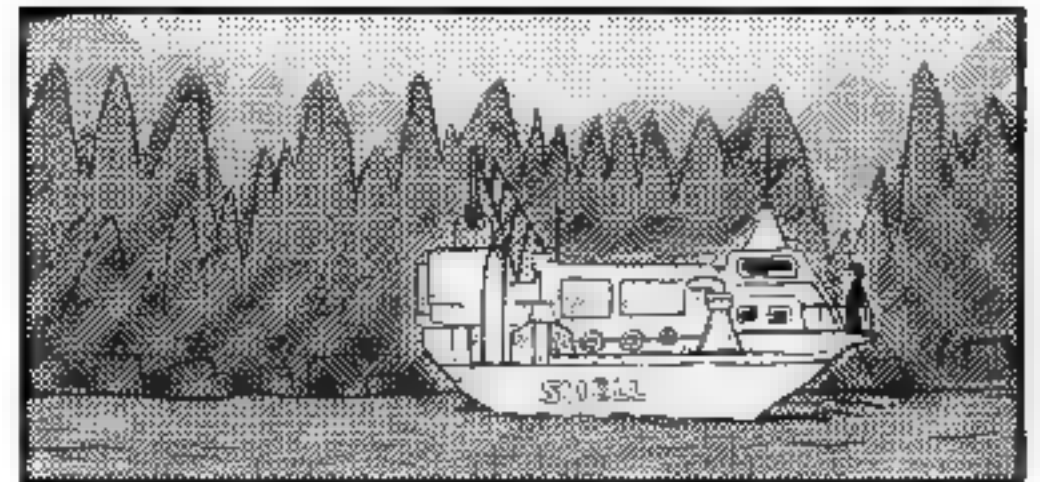
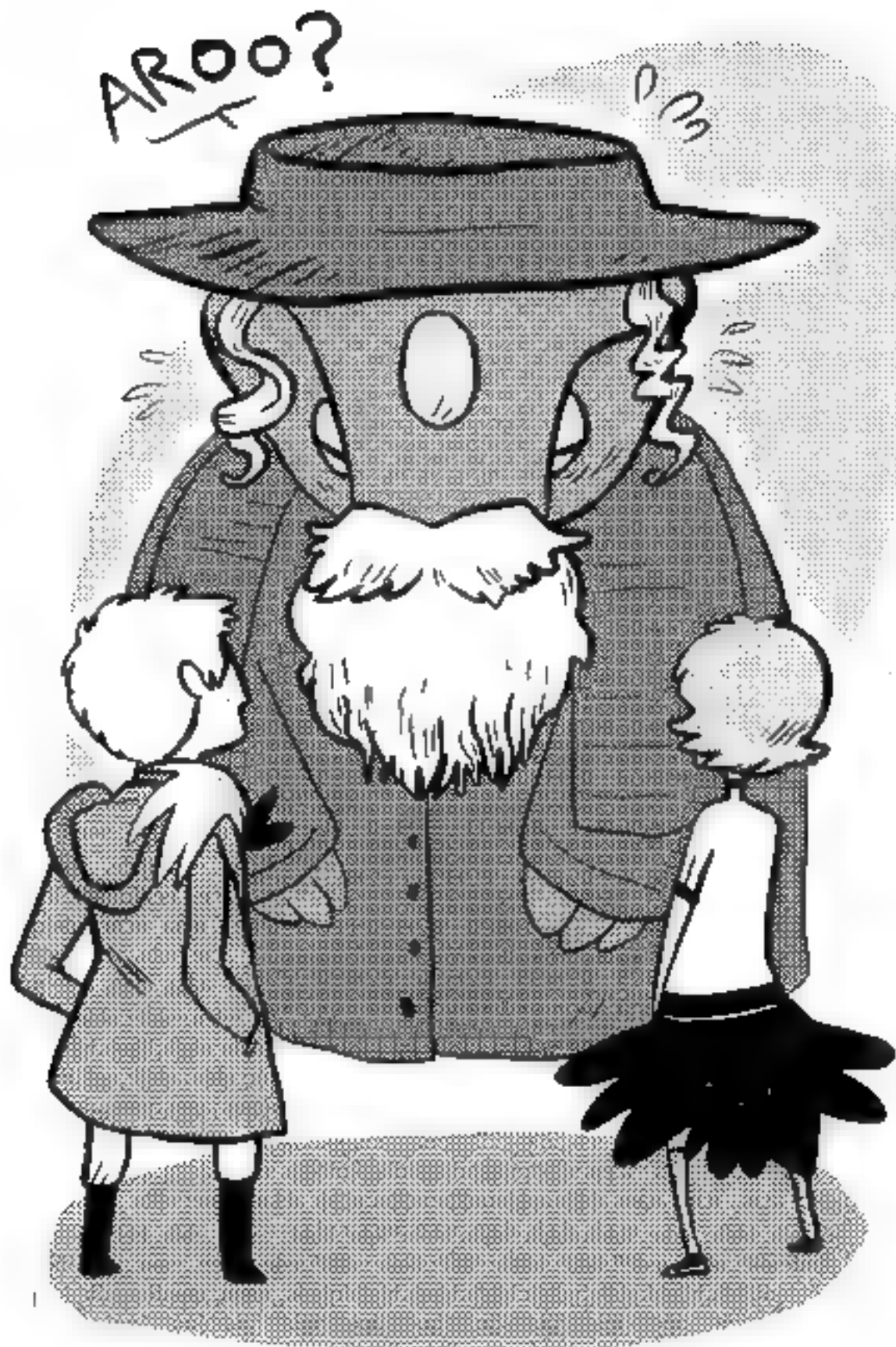


I'LL TAKE YOU.
YOU CAN KEEP HER
THERE UNTIL YOU
FIND SOMETHING
BETTER.



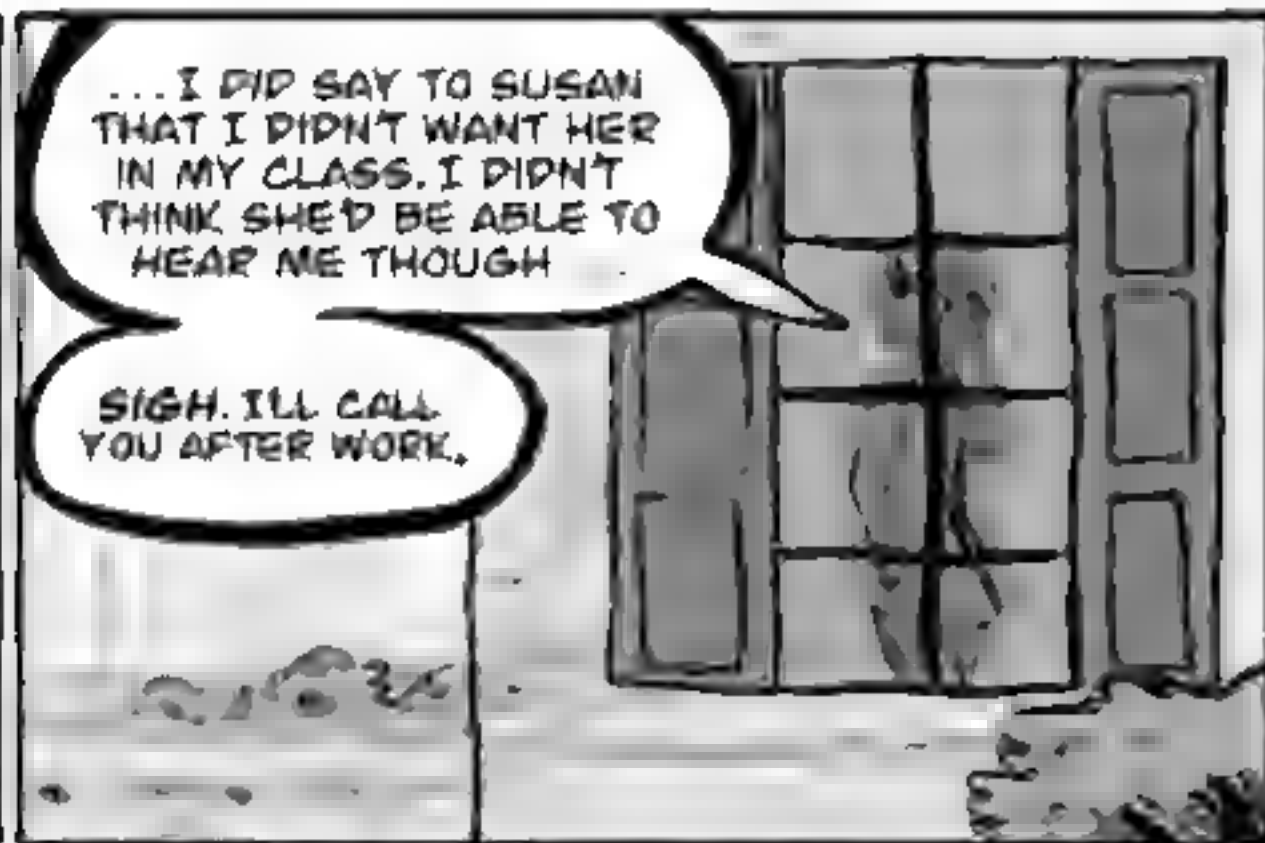
I DUNNO
HOW WELL
GET HER
OVER THERE,
THOUGH.

I MIGHT
HAVE AN
IDEA.

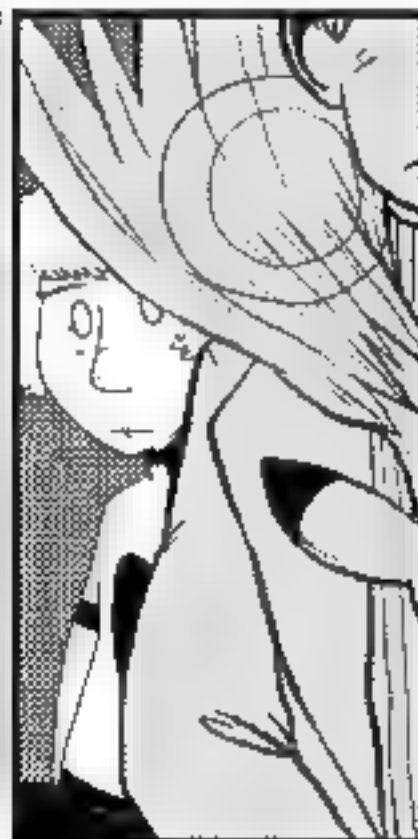




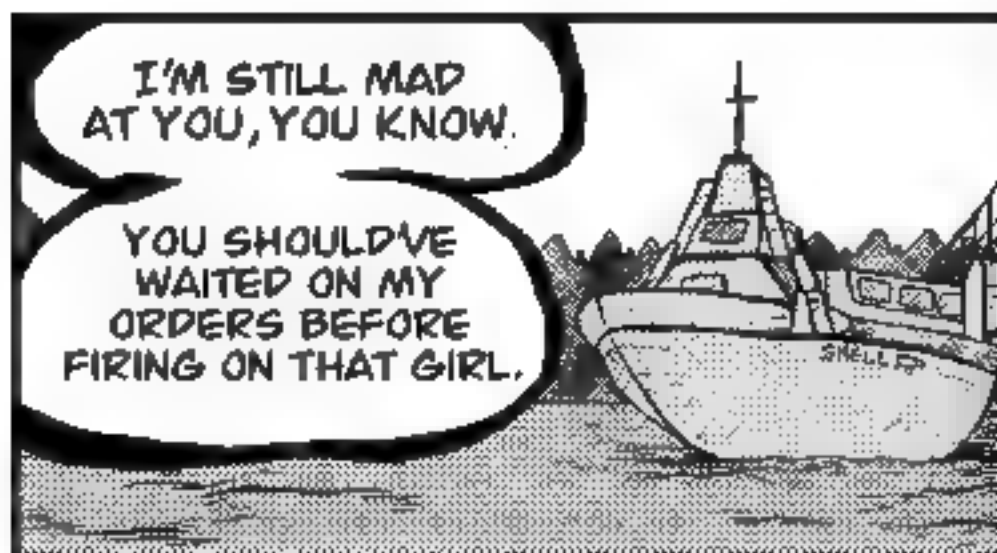
















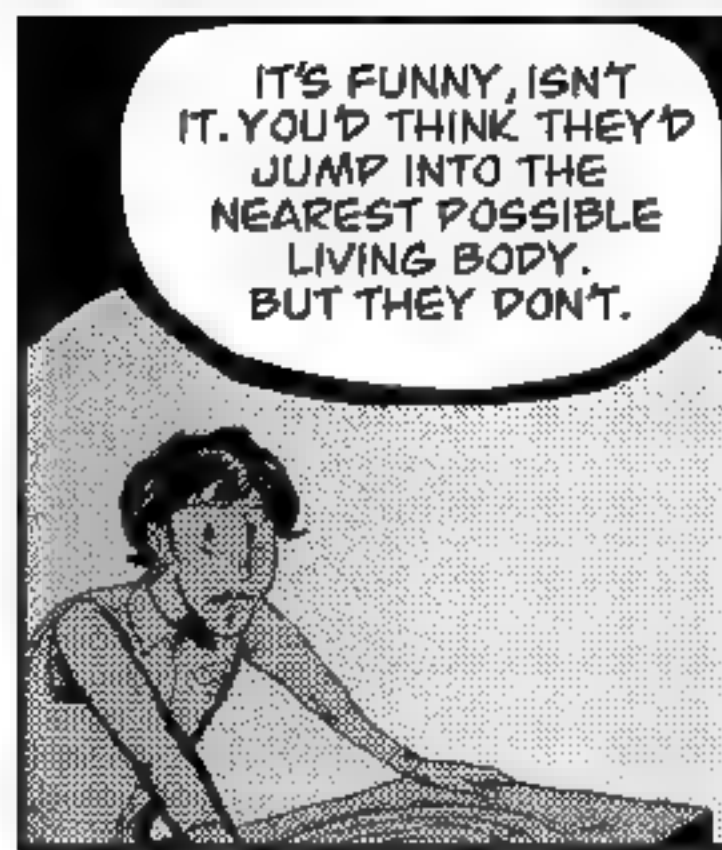
OH! THE PULSE
RADAR IS FINALLY
BACK ON.




YEP. WE'RE PICKING UP A PULSE FROM
THE FOREST, LIKE WE THOUGHT.
THE READING IS SUPER STRONG
SO IT MUST NOT HAVE FOUND
A HOST YET.



I'LL START UP
THE BOAT AND
WE'LL HEAD OVER.




IT'S FUNNY, ISN'T
IT. YOU'D THINK THEY'D
JUMP INTO THE
NEAREST POSSIBLE
LIVING BODY.
BUT THEY DON'T.



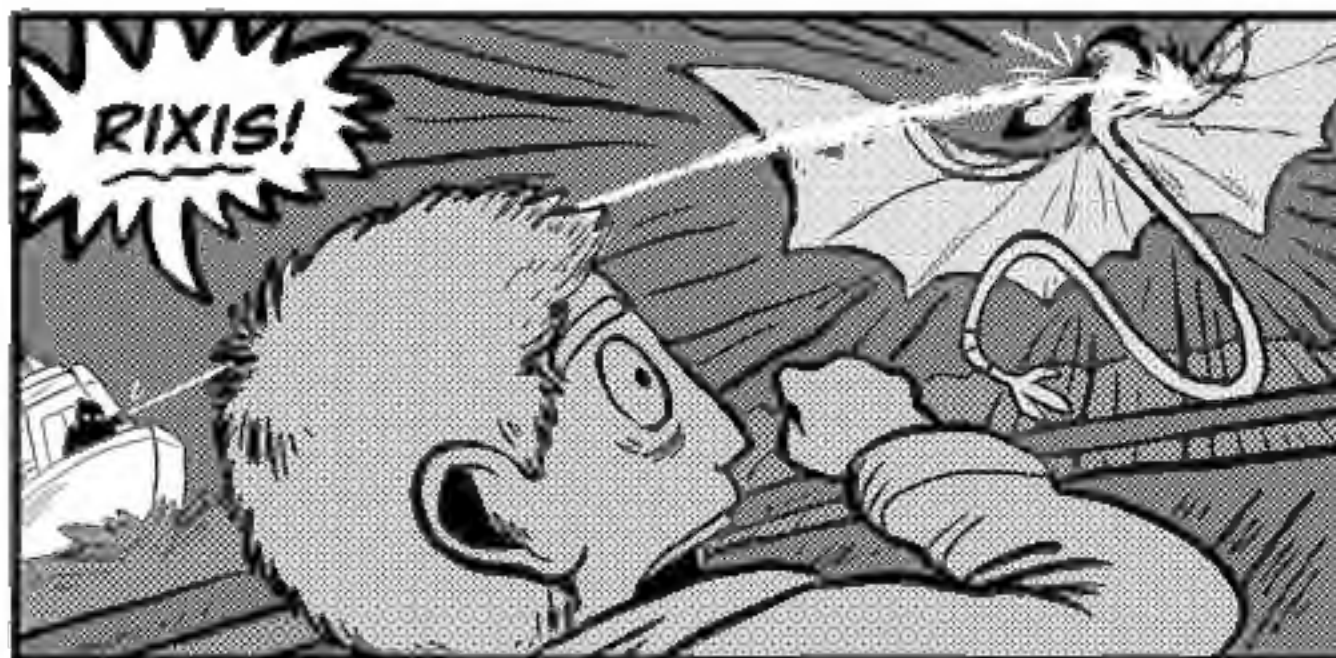
I KNOW RJINDER SAYS
IT'S BECAUSE THEY ALL
STABILIZE AT DIFFERENT
RATES. BUT IT'S ALMOST
LIKE ...

LIKE THEY'RE
WATCHING.
WAITING.



LIKE THEY
KNOW WHO
THEY WANT.







END CHAPTER 2

